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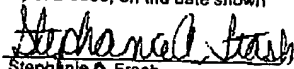
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement in light of the remarks provided below:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.